Genus/species: Elatior ambrosia

Family: Asteraceae

Category: Weed

Comments: Considered to be the most widespread and potent allergen of all pollinators, the Short Ragweed can be abhorrent to susceptible individuals because of the difficulty ridding areas of this weed, the extraordinary levels (billions of pollen grains per weed) of pollen produced, and the potency of the protein in the pollen. Ragweed season typically begins mid-August and ends through October. This weed is usually solely responsible for the sensation known as Hay Fever. It is best to avoid vacant lots, roadsides, and wooded areas during abovementioned months.

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